## **Fraud Detection**

## **Problem Framing:**

	Qualitative	Quantitative	Question
Current State	Too many fraudulent transactions => bad user experience=> less customers=> less revenue	10% fraudulent transactions=>5% less customers=>5% less revenue	What is the average number of fraudulent transactions at the present time and what can we do about it?
Objectives	<ul> <li>Build a model that can flag a transaction as fraudulent before completion</li> <li>Decrease fraudulent transactions=&gt;improve customer experience=&gt; increase revenue</li> </ul>	Flag and reduce bad transactions by at least 20%	How do we flag these transactions?
Benefit/Cost Tradeoff and Prioritization	Errors -     TP - Fraudulent     transaction flagged     =>protect     customers=>more     revenue     FN- Fraudulent     transaction marked     valid=>very bad user     experience=> less     revenue     FP-valid transaction     flagged=>bad user     experience=>less     revenue     TN-Valid transaction     marked valid=>no     significant impact on     revenue	cost-benefit matrix  c(TP) c(FP)  c(FN) c(TN)	What are the costs of errors/benefits of correct predictions and why?
Constraints	Can only afford very little FN rate	At most 10% TN=> very bad	What are the acceptable

			risks/budgets and why?
Desired state	<ul> <li>benefit: significantly lesser fraud transactions=&gt; significantly better user experience =&gt; significantly better engagement =&gt; significantly better engagement when the significantly better revenue</li> <li>cost: very few true negatives =&gt; limited risk of very bad user experience =&gt; limited risk of churn =&gt; limited risk to revenue</li> </ul>	at least 50% decrease in fraud (from 20% to 10%) => 5% better engagement => 5% more revenue	What is the desired outcome (benefits/costs) that we want to see and why?

## Why ML

	qualitative	quantitative	question
best non-ML alternative hypothesis	classify based on transaction amount or location of transaction => too many FP and TN => very bad user experience => lesser engagement => loss of revenue	50% FP 70% TN => not cleaning enough fraud transactions and causing more complaints for misplacing genuine transactions as fraud => 5% revenue loss risk	What are the non-ML alternatives and why are they problematic? (pains/missed gains)?
ML value proposition hypothesis	much fewer FP and TN => much better user experience => much better revenue	10% FP 50% TN => 50% decrease in fraudulent transcations(from 20% to 10%) at the expense of 1% bad engagements => 5% increase in revenue at the expense of 0.1% risk	What are the advantages (pain relievers/gain creators) of ML solutions and why?
ML feasibility hypothesis	<ul> <li>data: labeled samples of historic sms text data is</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>data: around five thousand samples</li> <li>model: state</li> </ul>	What data and models are good candidates and why?

## **ML Solution Design**

	choices	metrics	experiment
data	(labeled) transaction data	label imbalance	<ul> <li>randomized         70/15/15         train/validation         /test split</li> </ul>
model	pr(fraud)	AUCPR (precision recall curve)	<ul> <li>rule based heuristic</li> <li>tf-idf + logistic regression</li> <li>tf-idf + random forest</li> <li>BERT + logistic regression</li> <li>train these benchmark models using train data. validate and tune using validation data. select the model with best AUCPR on test data</li> </ul>
action	if pr(fraud) > threshold: auto take down	<ul> <li>precision</li> <li>recall</li> <li>confusion matrix</li> </ul>	choose a threshold to maximize the recall (estimated reward) subject to precision > 90%
reward	<ul><li>decrease in fraud</li></ul>	% decrease in fraud	A/B test

cost of misclassificati on	% increase in daily active users	
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